



Camping Internacional de Calonge,

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Campsite Information

Camping Internacional de Calonge, Playa d'Aro

This terraced site offers superb views of the Mediterranean and the Bahía de Palamos. Close to the site are a string of sandy beach coves and the long stretch of beach and the lively resort of Playa d'Aro. The site is just over an hour's drive north of Barcelona and only a half-hour's drive from Girona.

Arriving at Camping Internacional de Calonge

On arrival it will be necessary to register at the campsite reception. You will be required to leave a form of identification from one of your party, per unit of accommodation, in reception for the duration of your stay. You should then go to the Canvas reception - your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00.

Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 16.00, your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 20.00 and 22.00, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 22.00 cannot be accepted on site. Please note that if you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto the campsite, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 09.00 the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

Reception

The campsite reception is open from 09.00 to 21.00 in high season and from 09.00 to 20.00 in low season.

Barrier

There is 24 hour security by the entrance into the site. To avoid unnecessary disturbance you are unable to drive through the site between midnight and 07.00.

Currency Exchange

Currency and traveller's cheques may be exchanged at reception. There is a commission charge for this service. There is also a cash machine just by reception.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Available to rent from the campsite reception for €4 per day or €18 for a week.

Telephone

There are coin operated phones around the site. Phone cards may be purchased from the campsite reception.

Web/Email Access

Access to the Internet is available in the site reception. This costs €1 for 5 minutes, €2 for 15 minutes and €3.50 for 30 minutes and €6 for one hour. WIFI is available at points around the site, prices start at €4 per hour.

Shopping

There is a medium sized on-site supermarket that is open daily from 09.30 to 13.30 and 16.30 to 18.00 in low season and 08.00 to 13.00 and 16.30 to 20.00 in high season. The supermarket sells fresh produce including fresh fruit and vegetables, alcohol, camping equipment and fresh meat. In high season there is a hairdressing service three mornings a week and a souvenir shop selling beach items, postcards, gifts, books and international newspapers.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (the site also offers a laundry service in high season). The prices are €9.50 per wash and €6 per dry. Free irons, hot

showers, standard toilets without seats, baths and baby baths.

Post

Stamps are on sale at the souvenir shop and there are two post boxes on site.

Eating and Drinking

Bar: The bar is open from 09.00 until approximately 23.00 in low season. In high season it is open until 23.30. Snacks are on sale and there are arcade games, satellite television and a pool table. The bar terrace overlooks the swimming pool complex.

Takeaway: The takeaway serves good food at reasonable prices and is open from 09.00 to 23.00.

Restaurant: The comfortable, relaxed restaurant with table service opens most evenings during low season. Please ask your couriers for specific hours. In high season the restaurant is open from 13.00 to 15.00 and from 19.30 to 22.00. You may enjoy both à la carte dishes and set menus in the restaurant. Please note that the restaurant does not accept credit cards.

Entertainment

During high season there is a variety of entertainment including live music, karaoke, dancing lessons (e.g. ballroom, salsa, line), junior discos and sports competitions. Evening entertainment is held at the bar terrace, usually from 20.30 to 23.30. Coach excursions to places such as Barcelona, PortAventura and Montserrat can be booked at the main reception.

Recreation

Swimming: The pool complex has two swimming pools and a children's pool surrounded by sun terraces and wooden decking. The pools are supervised in high season and are open from 09.00 until 20.00 (in low season the complex is open from 10.00 until 18.30).

Tennis: Courts and equipment may be booked at reception and are available throughout the season. Cost: €10 per hour, per court and €3.30 for a racket and balls.

There are also facilities on site for football, table tennis and basketball.



Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping Internacional de Calonge, with information on local golf courses. For further details please see the activities booklet, downloadable from the Canvas Holidays website.

Rules and Regulations

- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the pool.
- There is a speed limit of 10km per hour on site.
- No driving on site between midnight and 07.00.
- Car stickers should be displayed at all times.
- You must be quiet after 23.00 and silent after midnight.



Local Information

Shopping

Supermarkets: The closest supermarket is Champion at San Antoni de Calonge. Playa d'Aro has a great selection of supermarkets and clothes shops. The nearest hypermarkets are in Gerona. Please ask your couriers on site for the opening hours.

Souvenirs: Figueres tends to promote the souvenirs of Salvador Dali. L'Estartit and Palamos are more nautical due to their ports and Gerona, Palafrugell and Playa d'Aro are great for clothes shopping. La Bisbal is famous for its pottery and ceramics and has plenty of antique shops.

Local Markets

Monday: Torroella de Montgri and Cadaques.

Tuesday: Palamòs, Pals and Gerona.

Wednesday: St. Antoni de Calonge.

Thursday: L'Estartit and Tossa de Mar.

Friday: La Bisbal, Playa d'Aro and Port de la Selva.

Saturday: Gerona and evening market in Palamòs (high season).

Sunday: Rosas, Palafrugell and L'Escala.

Please remember that markets in Spain are only open for the morning. Stalls are set up from approximately 08.00 and close down around 13.00.

Facilities

Petrol: The nearest filling station is Jet, approx. 500m from the site. (Turn left out of site.) There is a 24-hour Shell filling station in Playa d'Aro, which accepts major credit cards.

Chemist: There are chemists in Playa d'Aro and San Antoni de Calonge. Please ask on site for directions and opening hours.

Bank: There is a cash dispenser on site and several banks in Playa d'Aro and San Antoni de Calonge.

Post Office: The post office in Playa d'Aro is open from 09.00 to 14.00 and 17.00 to 20.00, closed weekends.

Tourist Information: The Oficina de Turisme is in Playa d'Aro town centre and is open from 09.00 to 14.00 and 16.00 to 19.00 in high season.

Distances

Playa d'Aro: 2km (1 mile)

Sant Antoni de Calonge: 5km (3 miles)

Palamos: 6km (4 miles)

Sant Feliu: 12km (8 miles)

Local Transport

The nearest train station is Caldes de Malavella (around 25kms away), with connections to Gerona and Barcelona. There is a regular bus service to Palamòs from the main road outside the campsite. From Playa d'Aro there are frequent bus services to Sant Feliu, Calella, Palafrugell and Gerona.

Doctor

A doctor visits the site on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 16.00 to 17.00. Otherwise, a doctor may be organised to visit the site if there is an emergency. Please enquire at reception for further information.

Dentist

Mr. Planas. Tel: 972 320 204.

Emergency Services

There is a three-digit phone number for the emergency services:

General Emergencies: 112

Fire: 085

Ambulance: 085

Local Police: 092

Eating and Drinking

You may like to try these restaurants and bars that have been recommended by Canvas customers and couriers in previous years:

Cafe 66, Playa d'Aro. A Mexican bar and restaurant, recommended by past visitors.

Ocean Drive, Playa d'Aro. A restaurant/bar with a varied venue. The pizzas are especially recommended.

Sant Luis, Playa d'Aro. Lively restaurant with great atmosphere. Tasty local dishes including a three-course menu with wine and bread at €10.

El Cau, Playa d'Aro. A favourite with the locals, this is a typically Spanish restaurant serving large portions at very reasonable prices.

Beaches

The closest beach is accessible via the campsite footbridge spanning the coastal road and then down the 105 steps - a beautiful, shingle cove. Parasols, sun loungers and kayaks are available for hire and there is a beach volleyball court and beach bar. Playa d'Aro, Palamos and Sant Feliu all have long sandy beaches and offer facilities for water sports and S'Agaro is good for windsurfing. Further a field, the beaches at Sa Punta, Sa Riera, Aigua Blava and Tamariu are well worth a visit. Should you prefer a varied coastline with rock pools, marine life and coves of sand, drive to Calella de Palafrugell, Llafranc and Tamarit or further south to Tossa de Mar. For more of the golden stretches of sand, head for the gently shelving beaches of L'Estartit, ideal for children or those less confident swimmers. There are also excellent beaches at Bahía de Rosas, La Fosca and Playa d'Aro.

Nearby

Situated at the foot of the Gavarres Mountains, the delightful countryside around Camping Internacional de Calonge offers walking and cycling routes of great beauty and natural interest. Alternatively, drive the coastal road up through San Feliu de Guixols and beyond to the Bahía de Tossa de Mar. Palamòs is located three miles from site. Its enormous bay is an ideal spot to watch impressive sunsets. The pleasant resort of Calella de Palafrugell has attractive low buildings strung Aegean-style around a bay of rocky coves and small beaches. A 40 minutes' stroll along the coastal footpath to Platja del Golfet will bring you to the Jardín Botánico de Cap Roig, the beautiful gardens of a former Tsarist palace. Visit the narrow streets of Tossa del Mar, home to many quaint shops, small bars, restaurants and artists shops, overshadowed by the 'Villa Vella'.



Activities

The fantastic beaches and coves that run along the 'Cami de Ronda' offer a variety of beach and water sports, Beach volleyball, pedalos, kayaking, 'banana boats', parasailing, scuba diving or snorkelling are just some of the nautical activities available. Jeep and quad bike safaris, horse riding, skydiving and go-karting are also available around the Costa Brava. The famous Illes Medes Marine Park Conservation area at L'Estartit. From here you can try scuba diving, snorkelling or travel on a glass bottomed boat. La Sirena (the mermaid) boat Excursion Company based at the port of L'Estartit have an excellent reputation and offer some of these activities.

Family Fun

For some family fun, visit the Aquadiver water park in Playa d'Aro, which has river rapids, huge toboggans, a children's area and kamikaze slides - guaranteed fun for all! Visit the ever-popular 'Marineland' in Palafròls. A full day spent around water slides and pools, dolphin and sea lion shows, a mini boating lake, mini-zoo and a terrific 'Birds of Paradise' show.

Out and About

Pals • Take a step back in time in this fortified medieval village. From the hilltop vantage point, enemies could be seen approaching by sea or across the plain. The village has been completely restored and is a wonderful example of medieval architecture.

Gerona • A beautiful historic city. It is a pleasure just to wander through the medieval alleys in the old quarter. The labyrinth of narrow lanes in the old Jewish quarter known as El Call is well worth a visit. Climb the monumental Baroque steps to the magnificent Cathedral, one of Spain's most beautiful sacred buildings with the widest single Gothic arch span in the world. You can visit the bell tower for a good view of the city, and tour the superb cloisters.

Regional Information

Catalonia

Sheltered by the Pyrenees, this region borders the Mediterranean and occupies north-eastern Spain. Catalonia enjoys a dry, sunny climate and has a rich variety of natural beauty. The coastal region of Catalonia is the main tourist area with over 400km of coastline.

Eating and Drinking

Paella is a typical dish, sometimes eaten as a very filling hors d'oeuvre before the main course. An alternative to a heavy lunch or for supper is tapas, small savoury snacks laid out on bar counters for example; squid, olives, prawns, anchovies, cold ham, tomato or potato salads and tortilla (potato omelette).

Things to do and see

*A • an admission charge is payable for these attractions

Family Fun

Aqua Brava • A fabulous water park with giant slides, rafting, a pirate boat, mini toboggans and Jacuzzi. Bahía de Rosas. Canvas customers are entitled to a discount. Ask your couriers for more details (*A).

Aquadiver • Great day out for children at this leisure park, with pools, slides, an adventure lake, wild river, hydrotherapy pools and a children's 'games' lake. Near Playa d'Aro. (Open daily *A).

Marineland • A large pool and water slide leisure centre with many attractions including a small zoo, Dolphinarium, boating pool and playground. In Palafròls, between Blanes and Malgrat de Mar. (*A).

Water World • A leisure complex with a huge swimming pool, wave machine, flumes and currents. Near Lloret de Mar, direction Blanes. (Open daily *A).

PortAventura • A great adventure for all. Travel through five different 'themed' lands in this immense theme park. Plummet at a breakneck 110km/h on the Dragon Khan, or steel yourself to cross the threshold of Templo del Fuego. Experience live shows, where you can chase the intrepid bandits of the Far West at Fort Frenzee, or give yourself over to the magic of Fiestaventura. Next door to Costa Caribe. (*A)

Costa Caribe • At Costa Caribe enjoy a magnificent, aquatic adventure in the purest Caribbean style, with pools, slides, palm trees. It has an ample heated pool area that makes it ideal for having a great time in the cooler months. Near Salou, on the N340. (Open daily *A).

Barcelona Zoo • One of the most famous and best-equipped zoos in Europe. Recent additions include a larger and improved terrarium, as well as the largest playground of Barcelona. Children especially will love with the zoo – the animal inhabitants include Bears, Lions, Zebras, Alligators, Hippos, and Kangaroos. (Open daily *A). Children may also enjoy the fairground attractions in the Parc de Montjuïc and on the Tibidabo hill, near the zoo.

Museums

Museu Picasso • Three exceptional 14th-century Gothic manors hold the collection of the great artist Picasso's youthful works. Barcelona. (Closed Mon. *A).

Teatro- Museu Dalí • Located in a converted theatre, complete with larger than life 'eggs', this is an opportunity to view his most marvellous works of art, including the 'Mae West' room and the incredible ceiling mural. The whole building is absolutely stunning and colourful, and not to be missed even you're not normally into museums! Figuerès (closed Mondays *A).



Museu de Futbol Club • This history of the Football Club of Barcelona is the most visited museum in Catalonia. Housed in the Nou Camp Stadium, it includes an audio/visual room and access into the stands of the stadium. It's also the best place for Dad and the boys to hang out whilst Mum goes shopping! (Open daily *A)

Places of Interest

Barcelona • Barcelona is a vibrant, exciting city with a rich history and a host of attractions. The new town is characterised by wide tree-lined boulevards in direct contrast with the Barri Gòtic (Gothic quarter) and its narrow twisting streets. Here you will find the remains of old Roman walls and an impressive Gothic Cathedral. Leading from the port to the Plaça de Catalunya are the famous Ramblas, a tree lined avenue with newspaper kiosks, flower stalls, bird-sellers, fortune-tellers, cafés, shops and restaurants. **Shopping:** High street shoppers will love Barcelona with lots of branches of the best Spanish shops such as Mango, Zara, Massimo Dutti and international stores like H&M or Topshop all over the city. For great quality and stylish shoes visit the Spanish brand Camper in one of their outlets. Don't miss the sales in August!

North and East of Barcelona

Banyoles • A lovely lake side town with a good beach and water sports facilities. The town has a 13th-century arcaded square and an archaeological Museum (*A).

Calella de Palafrugell • This pleasant resort has attractive low buildings strung Aegean-style around a bay of rocky coves and small beaches. A 40-minute stroll along the coastal footpath to Platja del Golfet will bring you to the beautiful botanical gardens once the gardens of a Tsarist palace.

Empúries • The Graeco-Roman ruins found here make this Catalonia's most important archaeological site. At Empúries you'll find the extensive remains of a Roman city. Greek remains occupy the lower ground where temples, the town gate and several streets can easily be made out. An Archaeological Museum on the site displays artefacts found during the excavations (*A).

Figueres • A pleasant town famous for the Museu Dalí which has a remarkable collection of his work. The museum is in a former theatre (itself a surreal work of art), next to the Torre Galatea where Dalí lived until his death in 1989. Dalí's body is entombed beneath the museum. (*A).

Montserrat • This spectacular site is steeped in legends and is extraordinary because of its unusual shape. Thousands of pilgrims travel here every

year to see and touch the 12th-century statue of La Morenata, the Black Virgin. You can take funicular trips to the Hermitages of Saint Joan and Saint Jeronimo where a short climb will take you to the summit and a fabulous view. Before leaving, try a sip of 'aromas de Montserrat', a liqueur distilled from mountain herbs.

Montblanc • Some 36km inland from Tarragona is this enchanting, medieval village whose ancient gates are too narrow for cars. Park outside the walls and stroll through the narrow streets. At the main gates a map points out the sights. One of the most impressive churches is the parish church of Santa Maria, a majestic building in Catalan Gothic style.

Sitges • A seaside town and a major gay summer resort. As well as two beaches, Sitges also has some fine museums, particularly the Museu Cau Ferrat founded by the Catalan artist Santiago Rusiñol. The collection includes some of his own paintings and several paintings by El Greco and Picasso (*A).

Tarragona • An open, bright city combining the modern streets of the Rambla Nova with some spectacular Roman remains. High walls surround the maze of streets of the old town. Between the walled area and the beach there is a relic from the Roman Amphitheatre. North of here is the excellent Museu Arqueològic with artefacts from the Roman period. Look out for the Head of Medusa with its piercing stare. (*A). Tarragona's most famous monument is its Cathedral built between the 12th and 15th centuries.

Tossa de Mar • This popular coastal resort, known as the "Blue Paradise" has retained much of its original character. Perched on a hill above the modern town and surrounded by 12th-century walls, the Vila Vella (old town) is a maze of cobbled alleys and stone and white-washed houses. Climb the lighthouse for a spectacular view of the bay.

Cadaquès • A charming white-washed fishing village in a beautiful setting that became popular with international artists.

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